

# BCC NEWS

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## BCC PRESIDENT DONALD A. DELLOW RETIRES

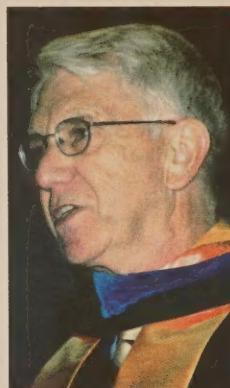
After 15 years as President of Broome Community College, Dr. Donald A. Dellow said one of his goodbyes before the largest audience at the 55th Annual graduation ceremony.

"This is the final commencement over which I will preside. It is my 16th," he said to graduates and guests.

"I've thought about the nearly 15,000 people who have graduated from BCC during that time. They have ranged in age from 17 to 70, from all races, creeds, and countries around the world. They are people who had dreams of making better lives for themselves and their families. It has been a privilege for me to be part of this wonderful place, and it has been the experience of a lifetime."

Dr. Dellow announced his retirement this past spring. He has accepted a teaching assignment this fall at the University of South Florida in Tampa, where he will be teaching in the graduate program for community college leadership.

Board President Nicholas Serafini said that Dellow would be "...a tough act to follow. Don is a superb president who has led the College through many challenging years, and successfully orchestrated a variety of projects. Under his administration, the College gained greater management autonomy from the County, built the Decker Center, the Ice Center and rebuilt Titchener Hall. He endured the enrollment drop of the mid-1990s without any staff layoffs and is now managing an era of enrollment growth despite fiscal restraints. All of us on the Board, and in the community, wish him well, but we will also miss him very much."



President Dellow gives his farewell Commencement address to the Class of 2003.

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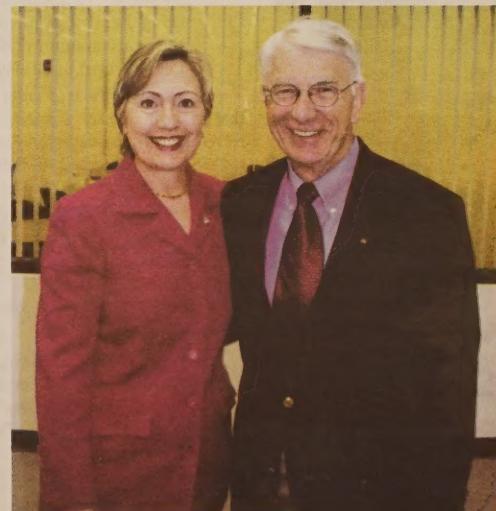


An activist president: From 1988 to 2003, Dr. Dellow was a frequently seen participant in myriad campus events, as well as a maker of major decisions concerning administration of the College. Above, L-R: In the late '80s he attended the special graduation celebration of the PACE program; in 1998 he helped open the long-awaited Decker Health Science Center; and in 2003 received a special visit from the children of the BCCenter.



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Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and BCC President Donald A. Dellow enjoy one another's company during the Senator's visit to BCC.

# BCC THEATER GOES SCI-FI



Sarah Elizabeth Jackson played the role of Fire Chief Beatty in Ray Bradbury's stage adaptation of *Fahrenheit 451*.

This spring, BCC's Theater Department brought to life an adaptation of Ray Bradbury's classic futuristic story *Fahrenheit 451*.

"We're so excited to be presenting this work," said BCC Theater director Katherine Bacon. "I've been an avid Bradbury fan for as long as I can remember and most students are too. His work still has relevance today." The original novel was published in 1953 and is Bradbury's most popular and widely read work of fiction.

*Fahrenheit 451* depicts a cold and sterile world where television and drugs are used to keep people controlled and focused on mindless entertainment. The written word in all forms is forbidden, and "Firemen" burn books instead of putting out fires. "Fahrenheit four five one is the temperature at which book paper catches fire, and starts to burn," says the lead character, Montag.

In 1967, François Truffaut brought the novel to the screen with the classic film starring Oskar Werner, Julie Christie, and Cyril Cusack. Bradbury then adapted it into a play originally produced in Los Angeles. In many ways, the stage adaptation reflects

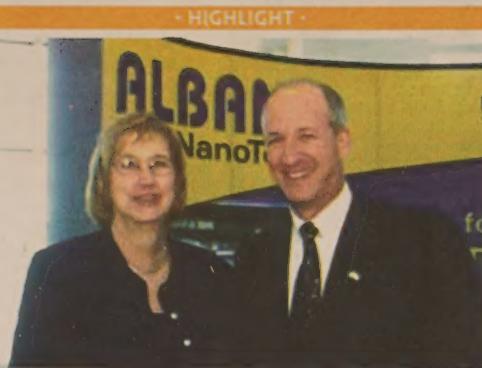
the fast pace of the film, a challenge for the BCC cast and crew.

"It was particularly difficult to stage this production because of all the quick scene changes," Bacon said. "By adopting an abstract approach, with interchangeable set pieces, we were able to create a sparse, utilitarian setting, and the scene changes were made part of the theater experience."

BCC students also created music for the play, such as music student Chris Kuklis' original theme for Clarise, a primary character. The BCC student actors and crew also had a lot of input into the production. "They are energized by the material," Bacon said. "This piece is a classic in the true sense of the word, as Bradbury's story is speaking once again to a



BCC Theater students learn more theater craft than acting alone; backstage, students prepare make-up and costumes.



## HIGHLIGHT INTERIM PRESIDENT TAKES THE HELM

Above, new Interim President of Broome Community College Dr. Helen Veres with SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King after she received her appointment from the SUNY Board of Trustees at a meeting held at the University at Albany's NanoFab 300 building.

whole new generation."

Other BCC students became involved through class projects. Students taking English 220, *Communicating About Ideas*, were assigned to attend the show. A number of classes wrote papers on the film, play, and book.

Bradbury himself, now in his 80s and working on yet another novel, sent good wishes and signed a copy of his book for the department. "It has been a real boost for the cast," Bacon said. "I sent him an email months ago, in an appeal for a statement or something, telling him how happy he'd make a bunch of theater students. I thought the email had just disappeared into the black hole of cyberspace but he did get it, and he obviously made note of it. Then his bibliographer contacted me, to ask for copies of the play's program

for his files."

The students were also given Bradbury's personal permission to use quotes directly from the book to enhance the script and create their own unique production.

The cast included BCC students Danielle Bates, Ryan Cortes, April Harris, Sarah Jackson, Zachariah Mudge, Paul Randesi, Justin Rueffer, Lance Sharpe, Lindsey Sheret, Ken Sosenko, Alexandra Touhey, Richard Vollmer, and Brent Wandel. Binghamton University student Joe Petrolawicz also appeared in the production.

The play was the first two-weekend production for the department. "I wanted to give the students a sense of what it is like to go away for a week, and then come back and keep it fresh and exciting," Bacon said. It seems that they did! •



Ice Center staff uses a small plow to remove the last patches of melting ice from the rink.



Vendors show their wares at the Cat Show organized by the Southern Tier Cat Fanciers Association.

## BCC ICE CENTER HAS MANY LIVES

During the summer months, a variety of audiences from the local community got a chance to experience the Ice Center – even those who don't skate!

In April, the Ice Center crew removed the sheet of ice that has been in place since the Center's grand opening in November. After a successful season of skating and hockey, the rink was made ready to accommodate a variety of community events.

The Ice Center has hosted a cat show organized by the Southern Tier Cat Fanciers, an Earth Festival, an Irish Dancing competition, a NY-USA Wrestling tournament, and a Bible conference.

Plans are already underway for next year's concerts, tradeshows, and events.

If you are interested in having your event in the new Ice Center, or making use of other facilities around the BCC campus, call the BCC Conference and Special Events Office – 778-5478 – or visit us on the web at <http://www.sunybroome.edu/pr/facilities/>



Alicia (left) & Megan Sullivan (right) look at skulls from the Finch Hollow Nature Center during the Earth Festival.

## BCC ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

# WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CAPTURES REGION III TITLE, GOES ON TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

### SPRING 2003

#### Softball:

The BCC women's softball team captured the Region III softball championship and went on to their third national championship in the last five years. They brought home the third place trophy, their best finish in national competition. BCC finished the season with an outstanding 29-7 overall record. Team leaders Amy Martino, Kim Wood, and Kim Huson were named to the NJCAA All-American team. Martino, Wood, and Huson, along with teammates Jen Warner and Kallie Mooney, also garnered All Region and All Conference honors. Coach Tim Brink did an outstanding coaching job in developing one of the best Softball teams in BCC history.

#### Tennis:

The BCC men's tennis team posted overall record of 5-2 for the 2003 season. The Hornets captured the second place trophy at the regional tournament. Deyo Chou won the First Singles title. Teammates Erik Jones and Darin Lewis won the second doubles title.

#### Golf:

The BCC golf team captured the mid-state athletic championship and finished in third place at the regional tournament. Chuck Finder finished in the fourth place in individual scoring and earned All-Region honors as well as the national tournament.

#### Baseball:

The men's baseball team, hampered by inclement

weather and injuries, posted a disappointing 5-17 overall record. Coach Brett Carter is looking forward to Fall 2003 as a training and skills development period so the Hornets can return to their winning ways in the spring of 2004.

#### Lacrosse:

BCC's lacrosse team experienced the first losing season in their short history. The Hornets posted a 3-8 record.

### WINTER 2003-04

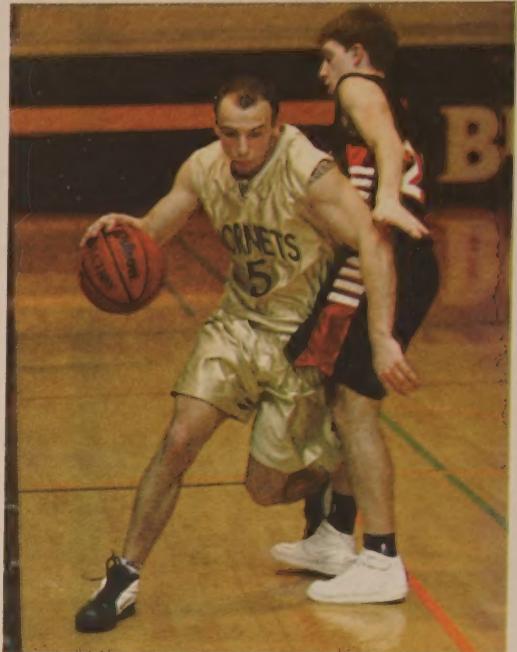
#### Men's Basketball:

Excitement and success describe the 2002-03 men's basketball season. The

Hornets posted a 19-11 overall record and finished with the second place trophy at the Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship. Teammates Anthony Bucci and Luka Hocevar received All-Conference and All-Region honors as they led Coach Larry King's Hornets to another winning season.

#### Women's Basketball:

Coach Mike Huggler's Lady Hornets finished the season with an overall 12-15 record. Their record does not show the excitement they provided their fans throughout the season. Lisa Craver and Marcy Lilley gained All-Conference



HIGHLIGHT

## THREE BCC STUDENTS RECEIVE 2003 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

Each year, State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King recognizes the University's most outstanding students with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Among this year's winners were BCC's Valerie Cunningham of Endicott, an LA/Social Work major; Stephanie Moomey of Binghamton, an Engineering Science major; and Janine O'Dea of Kirkwood, an LA/Biochemistry major.

Student nominees must have grade point averages above 3.81, and must demonstrate significant contributions to the greater campus community. In all, 283 recipients from 61 State University campuses were honored.



L-R: Chancellor's Award recipients Valerie Cunningham, Stephanie Moomey, and Janine O'Dea

honors. Coach Huggler has launched an extensive recruiting program with high hopes for next year's Hornets.

#### Ice Hockey:

The highlight of the 2002-03 season was the opening of the BCC Ice Center. The Center provides both the College and the community with a facility that ranks with the best facilities in the east for hockey. The BCC icemen played hard and furiously throughout the season, finishing with a 3-16 record.

### FALL 2002

#### Women's Soccer:

The women's soccer team scored a first in BCC history by finishing the regular season with an 17-0 record and recording their first undefeated season. Coach Bill Rich was named "Coach of the Year" in the region. Hornet players dominated the All-Conference team. Led by Conference Player of the Year Julie Sedlak were Samantha Sorrentino, Paige Rosenbarker, Rachel Casterline, Melissa Forbes, and Dee Phetphongsy. Sedlak and Phetphongsy, with Autumn Meyers, gained All-Region honors. The Lady Hornets were a phenomenal 33-2-1 over the past two seasons.

#### Men's Soccer :

Head Coach Al LaBarbera's men's soccer team posted another outstanding season finishing with a 12-4-2 record and another Mid-State Athletic Conference championship. Named to the All-Conference team were goalie Zack Manning and teammates Jim Desimone, Nate Fiedler, and Anthony Chavez, who all gained All-Region honors. Nick Burnell, Jeff Rizzi, and Pat Ousterout joined them on the All-Conference team. •

Player of the Year in Region III. Joining Hollister on the All-Conference and All-Region teams were Krista Schlesiger and Melanie Davis. During the year the team ranked as high as first in the region and in the top ten nationally.

#### Women's Tennis:

In only their second season after a ten-year absence, BCC women's tennis recorded an outstanding 7-1 record under head Coach Reeta Hayes; the Hornets brought home the second-place trophy from the regional tournament.

#### Cross Country:

The BCC cross country program took a step forward in 2002. Led by first-year runners Yvonne Smith and Fred Joslyn, the BCC harriers improved throughout the season. Smith finished in 2nd place at the regional meet to secure an All-Region berth. At nationals, Smith turned in a stellar performance finishing in the tenth spot and garnering All-American honors.

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# SUPPORT SERVICES: HELPING STUDENTS HELP THEMSELVES

When disabled students enter BCC, they receive the help they need to take charge of their education in the college learning environment.

"Our college has an excellent reputation for providing solid student support programs" said Director of Student Support Services Bruce Pomeroy. "The strength of these programs is an example of BCC's commitment to diversity of learners."

According to Pomeroy, many of BCC's disabled students were not in control of their prior education. "When they come to college they must be adults. They are in charge. We help them handle those changes."

Kyle Webb was one student who made the most of the support program. "They are an incredible group of people," she said of faculty and Student Support Services, "engaging, willing, proud to help those who help themselves, and ready to lend a hand when things get complicated. All one needs to do is give one's best – and ask for help."

SSS teaches students how to explain their specific disabilities to instructors, to communicate their needs and how their disability affects them. And special orientation sessions are held for new students, to discuss the support network at the College and introduce them to available services such as note-taking, adaptive testing, interpreting services, taped texts, and student support groups. When appropriate, parents are also brought into

Below: Former student Kyle Webb says, "Every step of the way, Bruce and the faculty of BCC were there."



the process.

"We provide a lot of adaptive technology for our students as well," Pomeroy said. This includes large-screen talking computers, personal reader machines, caption machines, talking calculators and pens, and dictation devices.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has encouraged people with disabilities to attend college. "BCC

supports the true spirit of the law, rather than just the minimal letter," Pomeroy said. "It costs over 32 billion dollars to support non-working disabled individuals. By maintaining strong education and training programs, we make an investment in the future and the community."

SSS also reaches out to disabled students before they reach college age, through tours and workshops at middle schools.

Pomeroy has worked with disabled students at BCC for 26 years. "In the beginning, fewer than 25 disabled students used our services. Now we serve more than 500."

"BCC helps students prepare for the next step," said Webb. "In my case, that was transferring to Syracuse University. Every single credit I earned at BCC transferred. I question whether it would have been like this without the start I got here at BCC."

National performance reports for traditional college students generally show a success rate of 50% or less; BCC's disabled students rate in the 80s and low 90s.

"What we do," Pomeroy said, "is help these students take the disability out of the equation."



L-R: VP Academic Affairs Keith Cotroneo, President Donald Dellow, SSS Director Bruce Pomeroy, Peer Assistant Amanita Brazil, and SSS Assistant Director Ken Seino at Student Support Services' Graduation Ceremony.



L-R: Peter Anthony, Jacob Jima, Lopez Lomong, and Dominic Luka came from war-torn Sudan to Tully, NY.

## THE LOST - AND FOUND - BOYS OF SUDAN

The four teenagers from Sudan who spoke to Donna Rehak's *Introduction to Sociology* class in April bore few outward signs of the recent challenges to their young lives.

Though they are smiling now, just a short time ago the lives of Lopez, Dominic, Peter, and Jacob were unbelievably difficult. The "Lost Boys of the Sudan," in a horrific reflection of the Peter Pan story, traveled through Africa in bands of children, older boys caring for the younger. After a 10-year, 1,000-mile trek through African wilderness, living in refugee camps in two different countries, they are now settled in Tully, NY, as the adopted children of an American family. They are the lucky ones. 20,000 boys were originally taken from their families in the Sudan. Many thousands died.

BCC faculty, staff, and students took the Lost Boys to their

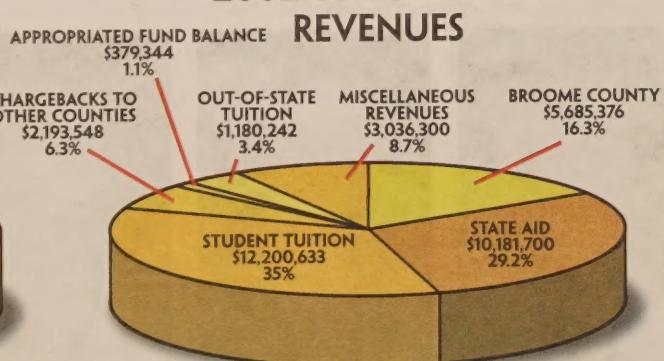
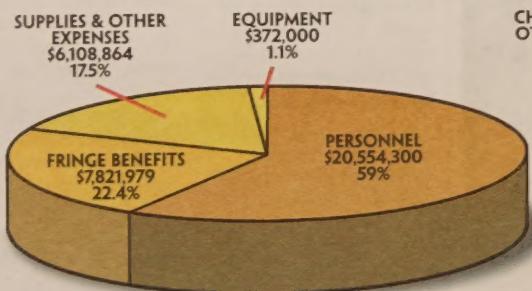
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After the Lost Boys' presentation at BCC, a spontaneous group hug erupted with Sociology students outside Titchener Hall.

## BCC BY THE NUMBERS

### 2002-03 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS



### STUDENT HEADCOUNT

as of end of 3rd week of classes, September 2002

FULL-TIME	4,148
PART-TIME	2,080
TOTAL	6,228

### 2002-03 BUDGETED REVENUES

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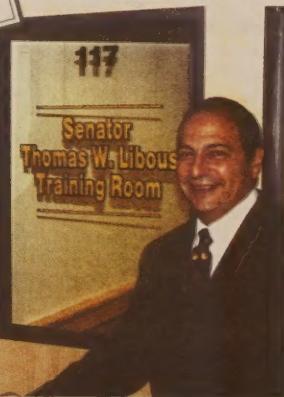
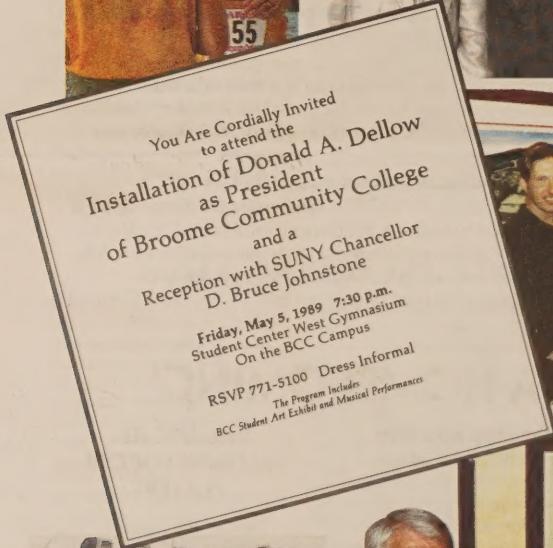
The College held a Farewell Dinner for Dr. Dellow at the Binghamton Club in early July.

President Dellow said that his decision to leave BCC was a difficult one. "I have made life-long friends during my time at Broome; leaving is not going to be easy. However, I have had many great years as a college president, and now it's time to give back. In my new job as a college professor, I want to help a new generation of administrators understand the great challenges and great opportunities involved in running community colleges today." •

## A DONALD A. DELLOW RETROSPECTIVE



Above: TV crew interviews Dr. Dellow during a farewell party on his last day of work. A formal farewell dinner was held later at the Binghamton Club.



# NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION...

- Despite the difficult year, the BCC Foundation's Annual Fund is ahead of last year's campaign by over \$6,000. The number of alumni gifts has increased by 4%. A special thank you to all our loyal donors—we really do appreciate your support.
- Five new endowments have been established this year. A gift of \$10,000 will provide perpetual support for BCC and its students.
- Donors, faculty, students and their families attended the Foundation's annual merit scholarship event on May 1. More than 140 scholarships sponsored by individuals, community organizations and faculty were awarded on this special night.
- The Foundation needs support for the Second Chance Scholarship program. The program provides assistance to students motivated to continue their formal education, but who have not been able to because of problematic life circumstances. The BCC Foundation has to raise at least \$15,000 each year to keep this important program here at BCC. Please call the Foundation at 607 778-5182 for more information.
- To catch up on the Foundation's latest events, log on to [www.sunybroome.edu/~foundation](http://www.sunybroome.edu/~foundation)

## HIGHLIGHT

### COUNTY HISTORY EXPERT IS BCC ALUM

If Who Wants to be a Millionaire had a question about Broome County, you would definitely want **Gerald Smith (LA '75)** as a lifeline! As the Binghamton City Historian, the Broome County Historian, and the head of the Local History and Genealogy Center at the Broome County Public Library, Gerry is the go-to guy for all questions related to local history. And more than just his job, the history of the Binghamton area is his passion.

"I've loved history since I was a kid," Gerry said. "Falling into local history was just natural."

In 1988, Gerry published **The Valley of Opportunity**, a pictorial history of the Greater Binghamton area. He has written over 200 columns and articles about local history for area newspapers. He speaks to civic groups, senior citizens, and school groups about EJ and IBM, the six carousels, the Chenango Canal, local cemeteries, the cigar making industry, the famous horse Exterminator, the Link legacy, and Kilmer's Swamproot. His next book is **From Smokestack to High Tech**, on the last 50 years of industry in the area.



### DISCOUNT WATER PARK TICKETS AVAILABLE

Need a fun escape from the summer heat? How about a water park! Broome Community College alumni and their families are eligible for discount tickets for Enchanted Forest/Water Safari in Old Forge for 2003. This is the largest water theme park in New York, nestled in the picturesquely Adirondack Mountains, less than an hour north of Utica. The tickets normally sell for \$21.95 each but are \$17.00 each if ordered from BCC Alumni Affairs. They are valid for both children and adult (children under age 2 are free).

To get the tickets, stop in to the Alumni Affairs office at 211 Wales or the Foundation Office at 201 Wales. Or mail a check (made out to the BCC Alumni Association) to:

BCC Alumni Affairs, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902 and the tickets will be mailed to you. Questions? Call the alumni office at 778-5477.

**A**lumni, their friends and family are invited to the first ever BCC Homecoming on Saturday, October 4! There are plenty of



reasons for you to return to BCC that day - You can try out the ice in the new BCC Ice Center during the open skate or cheer on your hockey-playing classmates in the alumni hockey game. Both



Enjoying the view of the canal from the boat deck on the 2002 Alumni Canal Cruise and Trek are (l. to r.) Mark ('85) and his wife Maria ('87) Rando and Michelle Basmajian ('90) and her husband Brian.

## ENJOY BCC FRIENDS ON CANAL CRUISE AND TREK

**O**n Saturday, August 23, 6-9 p.m., cruise the Erie Canal with Mid-Lakes Navigation on the 60-passenger City of Syracuse in the 2nd Annual BCC Alumni Canal Cruise and Trek. Imagine a relaxing dinner cruise along the historic Erie-Barge Canal near Syracuse in the company of other BCC alumni: sipping champagne, watching the herons along the banks, waving to fishermen, catching the Syracuse skyline at sunset. Listen to expert, interpretive commentary from the boat's captain, go through a lock, and then cruise onto Onondaga Lake to complete your evening.

Explore more of central New York's canal heritage by joining a 2 p.m. guided bicycle tour for about 15 miles of easy biking on an historic section of the old Erie Canal before the cruise. The ride will include a guided stop at the Erie Canal Park in Camillus, including Sims Store Museum and an original Erie Canal aqueduct. After biking, the group will meet up with the boat to join other alumni for the cruise.

Doug Garnar, BCC Professor of History, will serve as a resource person for the ride.

Cost for the trip is \$40/person — that includes the bike tour, canal cruise and dinner. Space is limited, and reservations and money are due by August 8. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (607) 778-5477 or check the BCC alumni website: [www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni](http://www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni). Make checks payable to BCC Alumni Association and mail to BCC Alumni Affairs, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902. Directions to the starting point (boat cruise and bike tour) near Liverpool will be mailed to participants. •

## REDISCOVER BCC AT A HOMECOMING!

### Tentative Schedule:

- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Open skating
- Noon: Women's Soccer Game
- Celebration of BCC Soccer
- 2 p.m. Men's Soccer Game
- 4 p.m. Performance by Galumph
- 5 p.m. Barbecue Dinner - Alumni Awards
- 6:30 Alumni Hockey Game
- 9 p.m. Open skating

### CALLING ALL ALUMNI HOCKEY PLAYERS

If you are an alum of the BCC hockey program and would like to play in the Homecoming hockey game, please contact the alumni office 778-5477, or [mcfee\\_m@sunybroome.edu](mailto:mcfee_m@sunybroome.edu). The first 40 people who respond will have slots on the game roster. Please specify goalie, forward or defenseman. (You must play with full pads and protective headgear, including a facemask)

### CALLING ALL ALUMNI SOCCER PLAYERS

There will be a special gathering of BCC alumni soccer players during Homecoming. We are trying to put together a comprehensive list of those who played in either the men's or women's programs during their time at BCC. Please take a minute to contact the alumni office with your name and years you were on the team along with your current address so we send you a special invitation.

Contact Michele McFee, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 778-5477, [mcfee\\_m@sunybroome.edu](mailto:mcfee_m@sunybroome.edu), or BCC Office of Alumni Affairs, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902.

hearts; all who met them were touched by their courage.

"I felt blessed that I was able to shake their hands," a student later wrote.

When he was six, Lopez Lomong was taken from his parents, driven to a camp, and left with others to starve. Each morning, the children carried out the dead bodies of their friends. When soldiers decided to put them on the front lines of battle, three teenaged boys escaped, and carried Lopez with them for days without food or water. They made it to a bleak refugee camp. There, Lopez learned in early 2001 that the United States would resettle 3,500 of the 10,000 boys in camp. He wrote an essay and went for interviews, and in July came to the U.S. The others came after him. They don't mind being known as "the Lost Boys," but they now consider themselves "the Lost and Now Found Boys of Sudan."

They opened the eyes of BCC students to life on the other side of the world, putting individual human faces on a tragic ongoing human rights disaster.

The Boys' memories haunt them; they will never forget their past. The audience in Titchener that day will not soon forget their accounts of it either. •

## SECRET SERVICE/BCC GRAD GUARDS CLINTON

Peter Jackson ('97) returned to campus this spring — not as a typical alum who comes to see old professors or changes in buildings, but in an official capacity. He looked over his alma mater with a critical eye, calculating where to position people and vehicles to minimize security threats to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton during her April visit to campus. Then he watched over the crowds who gathered to hear her speak.

Peter works out of the Syracuse Resident Office of the U.S. Secret Service.

"I do a little of everything," he said. "Every day is different from the day before."



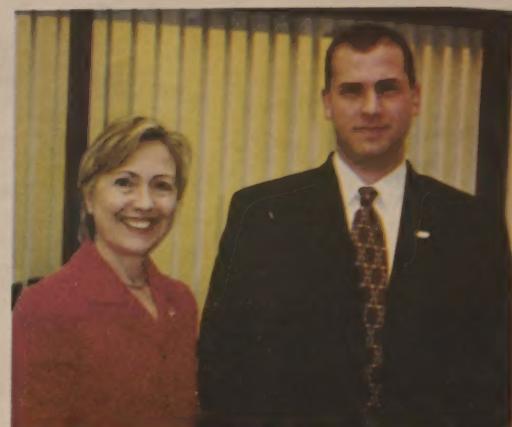
Under Peter Jackson's watchful eye, Sen. Clinton speaks to BCC students and staff.

He investigates things like counterfeit U.S. currency issues, identity theft, and email scams. And he provides security for foreign heads of state and dignitaries, the President and Vice-President and their families, and major presidential candidates.

So he was on the job when Senator Clinton came to BCC. Having known the campus as a student some years earlier made his job much easier.

"It was great being back. I knew where everything was. I knew all the people. In the gym that day, I saw a lot of my professors and they said 'hi'."

Peter is from a family of BCC grads. His parents, Gary ('73) and Patricia ('72), and his brother Joe ('95) all graduated from BCC, as did Peter's wife Heather ('98). When Peter finished his education in 1998 with a BA in History/Political Science from SUNY Cortland, he planned to be a social studies teacher. But Joe — already in the Secret Service, and assigned to the White House — helped to change that decision. Still, Peter's coursework at BCC, especially an American Government course, helped him better understand his first Secret Service assignment at the White House as a Uniformed



Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has a grateful smile for Special Agent Peter Jackson '97. He feels it is a special privilege to serve his country as a "soldier in a suit."

Division Agent. He was there for more than 2 years, including President Clinton's last year in office and President Bush's inauguration. It could be exciting. "I stood next to kings and queens and First Ladies," he said. "I met Sean Connery, Jimmy Buffet, the Yankees from the 2000 World Series..."

He was also at the White House on September 11, 2001.

"I was outside the West Wing when everything started happening. I heard the plane that flew into the Pentagon," he said. He had just called his brother, who was working in New York City, so he knew

about the planes that had hit the towers.

"We started getting people away from the White House as fast as possible. We figured it would be a target."

Later, he decided to move on from the White House Uniformed detail ("hours of boredom and minutes of excitement"). In February 2002, he was reassigned as a special agent. He enjoys the variety. In addition, he is also on the President's security rotation.

He encourages others to consider the Secret Service, information at 315 448-0304 or [www.ssservice.com](http://www.ssservice.com) •

## ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

### 1940+

**Tom MacBlane ('49)** is in his 17th year of retirement. Recovering from a minor stroke, he recently moved to a one-floor apartment and sends best wishes to all his '49 classmates.

### 1960+

**Ray Wood ('62)** retired January 1, 2003 after 36 years at General Electric Company. He recently accepted a consulting position with Elica, a manufacturing company in Fabriano, Italy.

**Gary Evans ('63)** recently published *Music Inspired by Art: A Guide to Recordings* (Scarecrow Press), a guide to music that is rooted in or based upon various works of art. He is professor of music and the director of media services at Ferrum College in Virginia.

### 1970+

**Diane M. Julian ('71)** recently joined NBT Bank, N.A. and was appointed to vice president and regional sales manager of the greater Binghamton region.

**Richard G. Hartmann ('73)** is the co-inventor of 10 patents and living in Minnesota.

**John P. Rogers ('73)** has earned a Masters degree in computer science from Boston University.

**Teresa (Walsh) Mayhew ('74)** was recently elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors for the New York State Federation of Lakes Association.

**Debrah Muska ('77)** published her first book, *Professional Techniques for Pet and Animal Photography* (Amherst Media), a book explaining the technical and business skills needed to photograph animals. She is a professional photographer and studio owner, in business since 1985, specializing in animal portraits from her home-based studio in Newark Valley, NY.

**Philip A. Haines ('78)** is a clinical pharmacy manager at the Clinic for Pulmonary and Infectious Diseases. He has a wife, Karen, and 3 daughters: Erin (15), Michelle (14) and Bridget (11).

### 1980s

In 2001, **Anne Marie Convertino ('81)** assumed the position of Assistant Director of House Operations for the Anderson Center for the Arts at Binghamton University. She is also the Volunteer Coordinator for the "Artscorp" organization (ushers).

**Sherry Deats ('81)** was engaged to Gary Reis in April 2002 and married May 31, 2003. They had a coast wedding near the beach close to Carmel, California. They live 40 miles from the beach in Mexico. (Yahoo she says) She is still working as a dental hygienist in the same office she has been for the past 18 years.

**Christopher Harendza ('81)** is associate professor of biology at Montgomery County Community College (Pennsylvania). He served as a grant reviewer for the

National Science Foundation (NSF) in January. He will do sabbatical research on gene therapy approaches to prostate cancer at Lankenau Research Center at Thomas Jefferson University in March of 2004.

**Scott Fotorny ('83)** and his wife Traci had their second son, Erik Phillip, on September 24, 2002.

**Laurie Bragaglia ('86)** has been with Toys R Us since 1991 and has been a district manager since 1997 in the Buffalo, Boston and Central NJ/ Metro NY markets, the highest sales volume district in the Kids R Us division.

**Regina Hoffman ('86)** had a son, Brendan Lee Hoffman, August 29, 2002.

**Valerie Lockwood Wilson ('87)** recently accepted the position of Grant Coordinator for the town of New Milford, Connecticut. Valerie lives in New Milford with her husband, Chuck, and their daughter, Breanna.

**Ron Dellaporta ('89)** and his wife **Amy ('01)** had a baby boy, Keith Louds, on June 24, 2002. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

**Sherry L. Elderkin ('89)** is working at UMA as a lab technician.

### 1990s

**Susan DeLuca ('91)** is working for Neeman Medical International, a site management organization, in clinical research. She is working as an RD, CRC (Clinical Research Coordinator).

**Elizabeth Camevale Finch ('92)**, with her husband of 8 years, now has two children, one 4 years old and the other 6 months. She has a home-based and contract physical therapy company in Broome County.

**Telesa Bean ('95)** was married in 1995 and has two children, Autumn Rayne and Amber Myst. She was recently promoted to Program Officer at Cornell University Alumni Affairs and Development.

**Debra J. Deyo ('92)** was married in 2001 and has been promoted to senior caseworker at the Broome County Department of Social Services. She is completing a Masters Degree in Public Administration from SUNY Binghamton. Both of her children, Jacob and Talisha Deyo, are attending BCC.

**Daniel Utter ('97)** was hired in January 1998 at the law firm of Chernin and Gold, doing various

clerical duties. In the fall of 2000, Chernin and Gold merged with Levene, Gouldin and Thompson and he is working there now.

**Bill Ocker ('99)** graduated in December of 2002 from the University of Southern Alabama in Mobile Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. He is currently attending graduate school at SUNY Cortland and assisting Binghamton High School basketball coach D. Springer.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Donald C. Peters ('51)** died December 10, 2002. He had retired from Corning Incorporated as a senior development engineer in 1991 and had been a full-time RVer since then. He and his wife, Marcia, had traveled to all 48 contiguous states and all Canadian provinces, as well as to Alaska and Mexico.

If you have news — marriage, promotion, achievement, etc. — for **ALUMNI ON THE MOVE**, please let us know about it!

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## 889 CELEBRATE AT BCC'S 55TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The 55th Graduation was held on May 17, 2003 at the Broome County Veterans' Memorial Arena. The class of 2003 celebrated by filling the air with balloons, beach balls, and bubbles, while joyful friends and family members cheered them on.

The Binghamton Youth Symphony Orchestra provided the traditional Elgar *Pomp and Circumstance* processional, as well as a thrilling performance of *American Salute* by Morton Gould. BC Celtic Pipes and Drums led the recessional march.

Commencement speakers included BCC Student Assembly Vice President Michael Williams, College President Dr. Donald Dellow, and New York State Senator Thomas Libous.

It was the 15th and final commencement for Dr. Dellow. "I share what I assume are your mixed emotions about leaving BCC," he said to the graduates. "I, too, will be leaving shortly, after being President of BCC for 15 years — the best 15 years of my professional life. So tonight, I graduate with you."

### HIGHLIGHT

#### THE OLD PRO HELPS OUT



During rehearsals for this year's graduation ceremony, two of the speakers got in some practice time. After spending a few minutes checking out the facilities, keynote speaker Senator Thomas Libous stayed around to help student speaker Michael Williams get ready for his first big public appearance.

#### Statistics for the Class of 2003

Business programs: 88 male, 139 female, 227 total

Liberal Arts: 142 male, 246 female, 388 total

Engineering, Technology: 95 male, 26 female, 121 total

Health Sciences: 27 male, 126 female, 153 total

Gender totals: 352 Male - 537 Female

Graduates' age ranges were:

2 candidates - ages 60-69

103 candidates - ages 40-59

338 candidates - ages 23-39

446 candidates - under 23 years old

*Congratulations to all!*



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Left: Celebratory balloons drop on the new graduates

Above: Senator Thomas Libous speaks to the Class of 2003

Below: Outside after the ceremony, a proud graduate holds her souvenir balloons

Bottom: Graduates cheer and applaud their classmates.

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